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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF COMMERCE SECRETARY'S

CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY GENERAL BREZHNEV

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B. STATE A-2129 (NOTAL)

1. LE MONDE OF APRIL 11 CARRIES AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE REPORT OF AN ALLEGED EXCHANGE BETWEEN COMMERCE SECRETARY DENT AND SECRETARY GENERAL BREZHNEV ON OCCASION OF U.S. MACHINE TOOL EXHIBIT AT MOSCOW. BREZHNEV IS QUOTED AS COMPLAINING OF U.S. EXPORT CONTROLS. "YOU BRING ALL THIS MATERIAL HERE AND SHOW IT TO US," AFP QUOTES BREZHNEV, "AND THEN YOU REFUSE TO SELL IT TO US." SECRETARY DENT IS REPORTED TO HAVE ASSURED BREZHNEV OF US DESIRE TO SELL EQUIPMENT TO USSR, CONSISTENTLY WITH PEACEFUL INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. HE THEN SAID, ACCORDING TO AFP, THAT USG INTENDS TO PREPARE A PLAN DESIGNED TO ACCELERATE APPROVAL OR REFUSAL OF SALES OF CERTAIN AMERICAN STRATEGIC EQUIPMENT TO USSR.

2. BELGIAN COCOM DEL CALLED THIS ARTICLE TO USDEL'S
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ATTENTION. RECALLING HIS AUTHORITIES' IRRITATION

WITH DELAYS IN US PROCESSING OF BELGIAN EXCEPTION REQUESTS INVOLVING US INPUTS, HE ASKED WHETHER THE REPORTED ACCELERATION WOULD BRING ABOUT ANY IMPROVEMENT IN THE PROCESSING OF SUCH CASES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON'S COMMENTS ON FOREGOING PRESS REPORT WHICH WE MIGHT CONVEY TO BELGIAN DEL., AND TO OTHER DELS WHO MAY INQUIRE.

4. IN CONTRAST TO AFP DESPATCH, NEW YORK TIMES REPORTER HEDRICK SMITH'S DESPATCH ON SECRETARY DENT'S VISIT, CARRIED APRIL 11 BY INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, MADE NO MENTION OF ANY COMMENTS BY EITHER SECRETARY DENT OR BREZHNEV ON US STRATEGIC EXPORT CONTROL.
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